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SUBJECT: TONGA ILBO SOUNDS WARNING ON DISSOLUTION OF UNC

1. AUG 21 EDITORIAL IN TONGA ILBO FORESEES "DRASTIC" CHANGE
IN FATE OF UNC THIS YEAR AND WARNS THAT ROKG MUST NOT PERMIT
DISSOLUTION OF UNC WITHOUT REASONABLE CONCESSION FROM NORTH.

2. NEWSPAPER NOTED ITS EDITORIAL HAD BEEN INSPIRED BY NORTH
KOREAN DRAFT RESOLUTION PROPOSING WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES
IN KOREA UNDER UN FLAG AS SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM IN UNGA AGENDA.
THIS COUPLED WITH FACT THAT US HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED THAT OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF ALL US AND ROK FORCES
IN KOREA BE SHIFTED FROM UNC TO COMMANDER OF US FORCES IN

KOREA, LEADS EDITORIAL TO CONCLUDE US IS READY TO ACT WITH
FLEXIBILITY ON UNC QUESTION ALTHOUGH DETERMINED TO CONTINUE
TO KEEP FORCES IN KOREA.

3. THIS CONSOLIDATION PLAN ACCORDING TO PAPER, "VIRTUALLY
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PAVES WAY FOR DISSOLUTION OF UNC." ROKG SHOULD NOT GIVE UP

ITS POSITION SO EASILY. "WE MUST NOT READILY CONCEDE TO
DISSOLUTION OF UNC WITHOUT REASONABLE CONCESSIONS FROM THE
OTHER SIDE."
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